

make better points than I could make here on the floor today about how these distortions and outright lies have fooled so many of our senior citizens.

I do not think there is any group in America that I feel more concerned about that would be misled intentionally than the senior citizens. And when I know that an organization like the labor unions have done this intentionally to scare them from voting for my colleagues it is something that we all should be concerned about, no matter what side of the aisle we may be on.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I am going to read for you the editorial that I made reference to. It was Thursday, July 25, 1996. The Goldsboro News-Argus, and the title of the editorial is, "Don't Be Fooled: Campaign Commercials on GOP Medicare Cuts are a Lie."

Mr. Speaker, now I will read the editorial:

People in public office should be accountable for their conduct. At campaign time, it is appropriate for opponents to focus on incumbents' voting records they feel might be contrary to the public interest.

Hence, the AFL-CIO sponsored TV commercials calling attention to the voting records of Republican Congressmen Fred Heineman and David Funderburk on Medicare would seem fair enough.

But they aren't fair at all. They are predicated on an outright lie—and the campaign to re-elect Bill Clinton is using the same twist of the facts.

The presidential campaign ads claim Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich are trying to end Medicare.

The AFL-CIO ads targeting Heineman and Funderburk pointedly accuse the two of voting "to cut Medicare by \$270 billion" a year. The truth of the matter is that Heineman and Funderburk, like their fellow Republicans, voted to increase Medicare appropriations by 7 percent.

How was the AFL-CIO able to twist that into a Medicare cut of \$270 billion?

It's done the same way the Democratic Party has been trying to scare the daylights out of the elderly and the poor all along.

While Republicans in Congress have been working—in response to a mandate from their electorate—to get control of runaway federal spending, Democrats, typically, have been loathe to do so. Democrats, and President Clinton, wanted a 10 percent increase in allocations for Medicare—more than double the annual overall rate of inflation.

Republicans insisted on limiting the increase to 7 percent—not cutting the appropriation.

While it can be argued that medical costs are outstripping the overall inflation rate—as they have done consistently—one possible way of bringing this in check might be to put some sort of restraints on growth of Medicare costs.

I won't be done by having the government continue to fuel runaway escalation of medical costs.

All members of Congress should be answerable to the electorate for their voting records. But the people of this country should resent and reject political advertisements based on lies.

Let me repeat that again. That "the people of this country should resent and reject political advertisements based on lies."

Mr. Speaker, that is my purpose of coming to the floor today. I think the strength of a democracy, again as I

said earlier, depends on the information that is provided the voters and I hope that both sides of the fence will try to deal with the facts and not fiction and lies.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. ENGEL) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BEREUTER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes each day on July 30 and 31 and August 1 and 2.

Mr. STEARNS, for 5 minutes on July 30.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. ENGEL) and to include extraneous material:)

Mrs. KENNELLY.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BEREUTER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana in two instances.

Mr. CRANE.

Mr. MILLER of Florida.

Mr. BAKER of California.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

On July 25, 1996:

H.R. 2337. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased taxpayer protections.

On July 26, 1996:

H.R. 1114. An act to authorize minors who are under the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and who are under 18 years of age to load materials into balers and compactors that meet appropriate American National Standards Institute design safety standards.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 30, 1996, at 9 a.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4414. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Petroleum Products from Caribbean Basin Countries [DFARS Case 96-D312] received July 17, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

4415. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund Triennial Report, pursuant to Public Law 102-486, section 1101 (106 Stat. 2955); to the Committee on Commerce.

4416. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Clean Air Act Final Interim Approval of Operating Permits Program: The U.S. Virgin Islands [V1001; FRL-5544-8] received July 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4417. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Di-(2-ethylhexyl) Adipate; Toxic Chemical Release Reporting; Community Right-to-Know [OPPTS-400095A; FRL-5389-6] received July 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4418. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerance [PP 4F4291/R2265; FRL-5387-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received July 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4419. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Egypt for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96-46), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4420. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Thailand for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96-65), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

4421. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Federal Travel Regulation; Maximum Per Diem Rates for Kansas City, KS and Kansas City, MO [FTR Amendment 49] (RIN: 3090-AG07) received July 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4422. A letter from the Mayor of the District of Columbia, transmitting a request to waive the 30-day congressional review period for the District of Columbia legislation entitled "Tax Lien Assignment and Sale Amendment Act of 1996," pursuant to Public Law

93-198 section 602(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

4423. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Fishery Closure and Reallocation (50 CFR Part 285) received July 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4424. A letter from the Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Angling Category [Docket No. 960416112-6164-02; ID 071996B] (RIN: 0648-A129) received July 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4425. A letter from the Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Commerce in Explosives; Implementation of Provisions of Public Law 104-132, the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, Relating to Plastic Explosives [T.D. ATF-382; 95R-0360] (RIN: 1512-AB61) received July 26, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4426. A letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide benefits for certain children of Vietnam veterans who are born with spina bifida; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4427. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination Program; jointly, to the Committees on Commerce and Science.

4428. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting a report entitled, "Financial Audit: Resolution Trust Corporation's 1995 and 1994 Financial Statements" (GAO/AIMD-96-123), July 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106(a); jointly, to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and Banking and Financial Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 3846. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the provision of assistance for microenterprises, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-715). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2292. A bill to preserve and protect the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 104-716). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 3487. A bill to reauthorize the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 104-717). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ARCHER: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3815. A bill to make technical corrections and miscellaneous amendments to trade laws; with an amendment (Rept. 104-718). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 3539. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than July 30, 1996.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, private bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BURTON of Indiana:

H.R. 3913. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Western Atlantic*; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.R. 3914. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Beacon*; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 294: Mr. MORAN.
H.R. 863: Mr. MASCARA.
H.R. 1100: Mrs. SCHROEDER.
H.R. 2011: Mr. DAVIS, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. MINGE, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. BROWDER, Mr. FARR, and Mr. SCOTT.
H.R. 2247: Mr. COSTELLO and Mr. KLINK.
H.R. 2654: Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 2748: Mr. PORTER.
H.R. 2777: Mrs. LOWEY.
H.R. 3119: Mr. ACKERMAN.
H.R. 3199: Mr. CRANE, Mr. BONILLA, and Mr. LONGLEY.
H.R. 3224: Mr. STEARNS.
H.R. 3303: Mrs. LOWEY.
H.R. 3401: Mr. BROWN of California, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. STARK, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.
H.R. 3456: Mr. FROST.
H.R. 3462: Mr. VENTO.
H.R. 3565: Mr. KING.
H.R. 3714: Mr. NEY and Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky.
H.R. 3735: Mr. FATTAH.
H.R. 3818: Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky.
H.R. 3867: Mr. CRAPO.
H. Con. Res. 63: Mr. QUILLLEN.
H. Con. Res. 179: Mr. BARTON of Texas.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 3592

OFFERED BY: MR. SHUSTER

(Amendment in the nature of a substitute)

AMENDMENT NO. 1: Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Water Resources Development Act of 1996".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
Sec. 2. Definition.

TITLE I—WATER RESOURCES PROJECTS

Sec. 101. Project authorizations.

Sec. 102. Small flood control projects.
Sec. 103. Small bank stabilization projects.
Sec. 104. Small navigation projects.
Sec. 105. Small shoreline protection projects.
Sec. 106. Small snagging and sediment removal project, Mississippi River, Little Falls, Minnesota.
Sec. 107. Small projects for improvement of the environment.
Sec. 108. Project to mitigate shore damage.

TITLE II—GENERALLY APPLICABLE PROVISIONS

Sec. 201. Cost sharing for dredged material disposal areas.
Sec. 202. Flood control policy.
Sec. 203. Feasibility study cost-sharing.
Sec. 204. Restoration of environmental quality.
Sec. 205. Environmental dredging.
Sec. 206. Aquatic ecosystem restoration.
Sec. 207. Beneficial uses of dredged material.
Sec. 208. Recreation policy and user fees.
Sec. 209. Recovery of costs.
Sec. 210. Cost sharing of environmental projects.
Sec. 211. Construction of flood control projects by non-Federal interests.
Sec. 212. Engineering and environmental innovations of national significance.
Sec. 213. Lease authority.
Sec. 214. Collaborative research and development.
Sec. 215. Dam safety program.
Sec. 216. Maintenance, rehabilitation, and modernization of facilities.
Sec. 217. Long-term sediment management strategies.
Sec. 218. Dredged material disposal facility partnerships.
Sec. 219. Obstruction removal requirement.
Sec. 220. Small project authorizations.
Sec. 221. Uneconomical cost-sharing requirements.
Sec. 222. Planning assistance to States.
Sec. 223. Corps of Engineers expenses.
Sec. 224. State and Federal agency review period.
Sec. 225. Limitation on reimbursement of non-Federal costs per project.
Sec. 226. Aquatic plant control.
Sec. 227. Sediments decontamination technology.
Sec. 228. Shore protection.
Sec. 229. Project deauthorizations.
Sec. 230. Support of Army Civil Works Program.
Sec. 231. Benefits to navigation.
Sec. 232. Loss of life prevention.
Sec. 233. Scenic and aesthetic considerations.
Sec. 234. Removal of study prohibitions.
Sec. 235. Sense of Congress; requirement regarding notice.
Sec. 236. Reservoir Management Technical Advisory Committee.
Sec. 237. Technical corrections.

TITLE III—PROJECT MODIFICATIONS

Sec. 301. Mobile Harbor, Alabama.
Sec. 302. Alamo Dam, Arizona.
Sec. 303. Nogales Wash and Tributaries, Arizona.
Sec. 304. Phoenix, Arizona.
Sec. 305. San Francisco River at Clifton, Arizona.
Sec. 306. Channel Islands Harbor, California.
Sec. 307. Glenn-Colusa, California.
Sec. 308. Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, San Pedro Bay, California.
Sec. 309. Oakland Harbor, California.
Sec. 310. Queensway Bay, California.
Sec. 311. San Luis Rey, California.
Sec. 312. Thames River, Connecticut.
Sec. 313. Potomac River, Washington, District Of Columbia.